

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS
FOR
WOODS RESERVOIR IN THE
UPPER ELK RIVER WATERSHED (HUC 06030003), TENNESSEE**

Announcement is hereby given of the availability of Tennessee's proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) for Woods Reservoir in the Upper Elk River Watershed, located in southern middle Tennessee. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to develop TMDLs for waters on their impaired waters list. TMDLs must determine the allowable pollutant load that the water can assimilate, allocate that load among the various point and nonpoint sources, include a margin of safety, and address seasonality.

Woods Reservoir was identified on Tennessee's Final 2006 303(d) list as not supporting designated use classifications due to elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in fish tissue samples. Contaminated sediment is the source of pollutant cause associated with the impairment. Using a mass-balance approach, the TMDL utilizes Tennessee's general water quality criteria, fish tissue sampling data collected from Woods Reservoir, Bioconcentration Factors defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and an appropriate Margin of Safety (MOS) to establish a PCB loading level which will result in lower fish tissue concentrations and the attainment of water quality standards.

INFORMATION: [TMDL Document](#) (requires Adobe Reader)

Technical questions regarding this TMDL should be directed to the following members of the Division of Water Pollution Control staff:

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Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDL are invited to submit their comments in writing no later than October 15, 2007 to:

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All comments received prior to that date will be considered when revising the TMDL for final submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The TMDL and supporting information are on file at the Division of Water Pollution Control, 6th Floor, L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee. They may be inspected during normal office hours. Copies of the information on file are available on request.